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SUBJECT: DATA ON FINNISH MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

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- 1. AN 18-MAN FINNISH MISSION, COMPOSED OF GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE REPS AND HEADED BY COMMERCE MINISTER EERO RANTALA, VISITED PANAMA, MAY 15-16. MISSION'S OBJECTIVE WAS TO EXPLORE TRADE AND INVESTMENT POSSIBILITIES IN PANAMA.
- 2. REPORTEDLY, THE FINNS WERE OFFERING TECHNOLOGY IN SEWAGE WATER TREATMENT, COPPER/SMELTING, URBANIZATION AND PORT DEVELOPMENT, ELECTRIC ENERGY, FORESTATION AS WELL AS MINING AND CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT. THEY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BUYING BANANAS, ORANGE CONCENTRATE, SUGAR AND COFFEE.
- 3. COORDINATOR FOR THE MISSION VISIT WAS MR. HELMER E. SIMONS, AMERICAN CITIZEN OF FINNISH ORIGIN. HE IS HONORARY FINNISH CONSUL. SIMONS IS ALSO MAJOR SHARHOLDER HOJALATERIA PANAMA, S.A., ONE OF PANAMA'S LEADING SHEET METAL PLANTS PRODUCING A WIDE VARIETY OF CUSTOM-MADE UNCLASSIFIED

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